

REMARKS

The office action of December 19, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Lapere in view of EP 0424071 to Peckham et al.

In view of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, applicant has canceled claims 4-6, and amended claims 1-3, 7 and 8.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

The two references cited by the Examiner have been discussed at length in the last filed amendment. Applicant submits that those comments remain applicable and incorporates them herein by reference. The following additional comments are provided. According to the present invention, an entire specific utterance of a person to be identified is converted into an electrical signal. A quasi-periodic range is selected from the electrical

signal, and a single period is selected from the quasi-periodic range, whereby the single period is in a specific position in the quasi-periodic range. The identification of a person follows from comparison signals that only react to a single quasi-period. The quantity of data to be processed is thereby reduced while still providing high identification accuracy. Neither of the references teaches selecting a single quasi-period that rests in a specific position of a selected quasi-periodic range as a comparison signal. In Peckham and Lapere a larger range containing a plurality of periods and a correspondingly larger amount of data to be analyzed are taught which results making the identification more difficult and costly.

Applicant respectfully submits that neither of these references, nor their combination, teach the invention recited in the claims now on file.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over a combination of the above-discussed references is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are

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respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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